

WASHINGTON, DC -- On Tuesday, May 12, 2009, Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) spoke at event honoring Detective Jack Kelly of the Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division -- Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Kelly was recognized by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at an awards breakfast co-chaired by the Senate Caucus on Missing, Exploited, and Runaway Children for his work aiding in the apprehension and conviction of a child predator. Congressman Sestak also presented Detective Kelly with a Congressional Citation in recognition of his fine work.

“Recently Detective Kelly played a central role in removing an absolute monster and its accomplices from our community,” said Congressman Sestak. “As a father, husband, uncle, and a brother to six sisters, I offer my personal thanks and the appreciation of every good citizen of the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania to Detective Kelly, his colleagues at the Delaware County CID, Agent Jennifer Coughlin of the FBI, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Their collective, collaborative work on behalf of children is vital to assuring that ours remains not just a free society, but a civilized and honorable one.”

The Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division (CID), which is the investigative branch of the Office of the District Attorney of Delaware County, has made it a priority since 1984 to address the matter of child abuse in Delaware County. The first step was to form a child abuse unit that would work closely with the Children and Youth Services/Sexual Abuse Unit. The CID Child Abuse Unit began with two Detectives and a Sergeant and now has four Detectives and a Lieutenant. Currently the Delaware County Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force is working collaboratively with the computer forensics unit of the Attorney General's office of Pennsylvania. Since 1984 new programs and procedures have been instituted to enhance child sexual abuse investigations, prosecutions and victim services. The professionalism and continuing training of detectives assigned to the child abuse unit has been recognized throughout the state, the region, and the country.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's (NCMEC) mission is to help prevent child and sexual exploitation; help find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them. NCMEC has assisted law enforcement personnel with 154,161 missing child cases, resulting in the recovery of 138,506 children; and trained 256,386 law enforcement and other professionals.

*Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a*

*series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of “Deep Blue,” the Navy’s anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the “Global War on Terrorism.” He served as President Clinton’s Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.*

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